Pawlett Primary School

**Term 3 Newsletter – 11th January 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

What a fantastic first week back. The children have come back with excellent attitudes towards their learning. We have had a very busy first week back! Heron Class have started their new Learning Theme of – ‘How does your garden grow?’ Buzzard Class have started their learning theme of ‘Should we save the rainforest?’

We want our wonderful school to keep on growing, Tuesday 15th January 2019 is the closing date for applications for Reception pupils for 2019 if you need a space or know of someone who needs a space for September then please get in touch.

Lisa Dadds

**Reading**

Children reading at home is vital in order to help them to develop and enhance their reading skills. There has been a lot of research into its importance and the difference can be dramatically seen when your child is reading and writing at school. The development of reading is the fundamental foundations for supporting learning across all areas of the curriculum.

The children have Partnership Books where reading at home needs to be recorded at least 3 times per week. Starting this term a sticker, each childs Partnership Book will be checked on a Friday. If they have read 3 times per week then a sticker will be added to the page. If they read 3 times per week they will receive 1 Good Choice ticket and reading 4 times per week will receive 2 Good Choice ticket. If they read 5 times that week then they will receive a gold star and 3 Good Choice tickets!

At the end of each term reading certificates will be given out to those children who have read at least 3 times per week. An added bonus is that these children will also receive 2 good choice tickets!

**Safeguarding**

We all have an important part to play in securing the Safeguarding and protection of children and young people. Safeguarding is about reducing or, ideally, preventing the risk of significant harm from abuse and exploitation.

If you ever have a safeguarding concern then do not stay silent. Always report concerns, these can be reported to Somerset Safeguarding Childrens Board on 0200 123 2224. For more information please go to <https://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

**Domestic Violence**

For support please visit <http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk/somerset-integrated-domestic-abuse-service/>

Or phone their helpline **0800 69 49 999**

**UNIFORM**

Children are expected to be in school each day dressed in their school uniform. Please can we ensure that children are wearing black school shoes and not trainers.

At this point in the year children all seem to grow! Please can PE daps be checked to ensure that they are the correct size. PE kits need to be in school everyday please.

**Lockdown Procedure**

 This week your children may have come home and spoken about a goose the loose. We have been practising our schools lockdown procedure in an event of an emergency. On Thursday Miss Haspell spoke to the children about what should happen if they are out on the playground and the lockdown signal is rung. We practised pretending that there was a goose on the loose in the playground that we sensibly had to move away from.

**ONLINE SAFETY**

As many children have received new gadgets for Christmas, please be aware of the importance of internet safety. If you need further information on how to teach children how to keep children safe online, please go to: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

**After School Clubs**

We have Boxercise and Dodgeball on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The system for paying for clubs has now changed. If you would like for your child to attend the club, then payment is now made online. If you need any help please speak to office staff.

 **TERM DATES 2018-19**

**Term 3:** Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019

**Term 4:** Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

**Term 5:** Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019

**Term 6:** Monday 3rd June 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**LOCAL EVENTS**